

Agreement Regarding Conditions of Access to Confidential Data in the Research Data Center of the National Center for Health Statistics

I _____ (print name) am aware that the information contained in the _____ (name of data file) has been provided to NCHS in accordance with the provisions of Section 308(d) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 242m), with the assurance that it will be used only for health statistical reporting and analysis and will not be published or released in identifiable form. I am also aware that I can be held legally liable for any harm resulting from my activities at the RDC incurred by individuals or establishments who have provided or are described in the information contained in the above work files to which I will have access.

Having read and familiarized myself with the Researcher Affidavit of Confidentiality, including Section 308(d) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 242m) (attached), I agree:

1. To make no copies of any files or portions of files to which I am granted access except those authorized by NCHS Research Data Center staff.
2. To return to RDC staff all NCHS restricted materials with which I may be provided during the conduct of my research at NCHS and other materials as requested.
3. Not to use ANY technique in an attempt to learn the identity of any person, establishment, or sampling unit not identified on public use data files.
4. To hold in strictest confidence the identification of any establishment or individual that may be inadvertently revealed in any documents or discussion, or analysis. Such inadvertent identification revealed in my analysis will be immediately brought to the attention of RDC staff.
5. Not to remove any printouts, electronic files, documents, or media until they have been scanned for disclosure risk by RDC staff.
6. Not to remove from NCHS any written notes pertaining to the identification of any establishment, individual, or geographic area that may be revealed in the conduct of my research at NCHS.
7. To the inspection of any material I may bring to or remove from the NCHS Research Data Center.
8. To comport myself in a manner consistent with the principles and standards appropriate to a scientific research establishment.

Deliberate violation of any of these conditions may result in cancellation of the data access agreement, and the researcher may be escorted from the premises by the duly authorized Federal protection service on duty at NCHS. The researcher may also be barred from any future use of the RDC upon review and determination by the Director of NCHS that this is necessary to protect the integrity and confidentiality of the RDC.

Researcher's Signature

Date

NCHS Witness

Date